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**SENATE CONCURRENT
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Christine L.
Michael on receiving a Milken National Educator Award.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Christine L. Michael on receiving a National Educator Award.

Whereas, The nation's largest teacher recognition program is the Milken National Educator Awards;

Whereas, This award was developed by the Milken Family Foundation to reward, retain, and attract the highest quality kindergarten through 12th grade teachers to the teaching profession;

Whereas, Forty-two states participate in the Milken National Educator Awards;

Whereas, Milken educators are selected by an independent blue ribbon committee appointed by the Department of Education from each of the 42 participating states;

Whereas, This selection committee recommends the candidates directly to the Milken Family Foundation, and there is no nomination or application procedure involved in this award;

Whereas, To be nominated by the selection committee, the candidates must meet the following criteria: possess exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; make outstanding accomplishments and have strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and have an engaging and inspiring presence



that motivates students, colleagues, and community members;

Whereas, Christine L. Michael fulfills all these requirements;

Whereas, Christine L. Michael, who has been a teacher at John S. Irwin Elementary School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, since 1995, was aptly described by Dr. Suellen Reed, state Superintendent of Public Instruction, as "an outstanding teacher and a top-flight representative of all Indiana educators";

Whereas, Christine, a resource teacher in mathematics and science for kindergarten through grade 5, was involved with the John S. Irwin Elementary School even before she became a member of the faculty. Christine served for 10 years on the board of Science Central, Inc. and was involved in the development of its regional "hands-on" mathematics, science, and technology center in implementation of its "Teach Reach" traveling exhibit of electricity and magnetism, and in the planning and implementation of its summer experiential exhibit for the public;

Whereas, The Milken National Educator Award is not Christine's first recognition as an outstanding teacher. She has also received the Apple of Achievement Award from ITT and the Allen County Local Education Fund, the Recycling Education Award from Mayor Paul Helmke, and two first place awards in the 2000 Elmhurst Windsong Film Festival for the student documentary "Furthermore--Sound" and the adult documentary "Mars Polar Lander";

Whereas, In addition to her work in the field of education, Christine sings in the choir at the Peace Lutheran Church where she is a former preschool board member and Parents' Club member at Unity Lutheran School;

Whereas, Christine and her husband, Robert, are the parents of three sons, David, Ryan, and Eric; and

Whereas, Outstanding teachers such as Christine L. Michael form the cornerstone of our educational system and



should be recognized for the contributions they make toward improving the lives of countless generations of Hoosiers: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
- 2 Christine Michael for winning a Milken National Educator Award and
- 3 thanks her for all her efforts on behalf of the school children of the
- 4 state of Indiana.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
- 6 of this resolution to Christine L. Michael, Principal Jeffrey Cline, and
- 7 Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn, superintendent.

